including surveyors from outside the State of Andhra Pradesh in order to expedite finalisation of survey reports.

(b) Similar relaxations, as given for dealing with the claims arising out of riots in Coastal Andhra Pradesh, were given for handling claims arising out of Delhi Riots in October/November, 1984. However, at that time, the Riot Risk was not covered as a standard peril but it was to be included as an extraneous peril on payment of addtional premium. This consideration does not apply in the case of Andhra Pradesh Riots as Riots, Strike and Malicious Damage Risks have since been included in the standard cover under Fire and Motor Policies.

Public sector projects financed by the Asian Development Bank

2424. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects in public sector which are being financed by the Asian Development Bank; and

(b) what are the projects for which ADB is going to finance in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Asian Development Bank has so far committed $920.6 million against six projects in the power and infrastructure sectors. These projects are:

	US $ Million
North Madras Thrmal Power Project	150.0
Ports Development Project	87.6
Railways Project	190.0
First Tele-communication Project	135.0
Unchahar Thermal Power Extension Project	160.0
Road Improvement Project	198.0

In addition, negotiations have been held for a loan of US $ 118 million for a Second Tele-communications Projects, and a formal commitment to this effect from ADB is expected within the next financial year.

The pipeline of projects for the future is at present indeterminate, since this would depend upon the availability of ADB financing, and the status of preparation and processing of individual projects.

Dismissal/Retrenchment in Banks

2425. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees of nationalised banks who have been dismissed or retrenched during the last two financial years and during the current financial year;

(b) what are the reasons for these dismissals and retrenchments; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government in this matter and how many these have been reinstated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) According to information made available by 15 nationalised banks 1137 employees in various cadres are reported to have been dismissed/removed/retired/retrenched during the current as well as last two financial years for reasons like misconducts/conviction by Courts. Action of dismissal/removal etc. is taken by the competent authority of the respective banks under the provisions of service rules governing the employees and reinstatement, if any is also considered by the management. 71 employees of the banks are reported to have been reinstated during the period under reference.

Loss of Forests due to felling of Trees and Fire in Uttar Pradesh

2426. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated loss of forests due to fire and felling of trees in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;